

CHAPTER VII: PUBLIC FACILITIES



Arnold Elementary School



*San Antonio Water Systems
(SAWS) facilities*

This chapter contains goals and objectives for improving the area's civic buildings. Priorities include a shared use of the community's school facilities and enhancing and improving the community's post offices.

Goal 13: Public Facilities

Expand and enhance the community's schools, libraries, post offices, and other civic facilities to better meet the needs of the Greater Dellview Area community

Objective 13.1: New Community Center

Advocate for a new community center for the area to serve as a focal point for multigenerational recreation programming and a venue for community and neighborhood organization meetings

Action Steps:

13.1.1 Explore the possibility of upgrading plans for the proposed Senior Center at Virginia Marie Granados Park to a Community Center

- Periodically contact the Park Project Services office of the City of San Antonio (COSA) Parks & Recreation Department to determine when the public input meeting on the design of the center will occur
- Advocate for multigenerational activity programming at the new center and for the inclusion of space for social services outreach, learning opportunities, sports, arts and crafts activities, meeting rooms, and performing arts

<i>Timeline:</i>	Immediate and Ongoing
<i>Lead Partner:</i>	Plan Implementation Team
<i>Proposed Partnerships:</i>	Planning Area Neighborhood Associations, Parks Advocacy Committee, COSA Parks & Recreation
<i>Proposed Funding Sources:</i>	Minimal/Volunteer



House at Granados Park – proposed to be a Senior Center

13.1.2 Research other possible locations for a community center

- Inventory underutilized structures that could be converted into a community center and properties that might be appropriate sites for a new-construction community center

- Work with COSA Parks & Recreation in determining the structure or property from this inventory that would be best-suited and most feasible for a new community center and explore funding sources

<i>Timeline:</i>	Mid (3 - 5 years) to Long (Over 5 years)
<i>Lead Partner:</i>	Plan Implementation Team
<i>Proposed Partnerships:</i>	Planning Area Neighborhood Associations, Parks Advocacy Committee, COSA Parks & Recreation, Community Organizations (YMCA, Boys and Girls Club, etc.)
<i>Proposed Funding Sources:</i>	Public and Private Funding

Objective 13.2 Shared Use of School Facilities

Develop shared facilities programs with area schools

Action Steps:

13.2.1 Work with Lee and Edison High Schools to allow community use of running tracks when these are not in use for school activities

- Develop and execute a Memorandum of Understanding between San Antonio Independent School District (SAISD) and North East Independent School District (NEISD), the implementation team, and Planning Area Neighborhood Associations outlining privileges, responsibilities, and liability limits

<i>Timeline:</i>	Short (1 - 2 years)
<i>Lead Partner:</i>	Plan Implementation Team
<i>Proposed Partnerships:</i>	Planning Area Neighborhood Associations, NEISD, SAISD, Lee and Edison High Schools
<i>Proposed Funding Sources:</i>	Minimal/Volunteer



Residents using the track at Edison High School

13.2.2 Explore making the Lee High School library a public library outside of school hours

- Work with the City Councilperson, the Intergovernmental Relations division of COSA External Relations, the San Antonio Public Library System, and NEISD to execute an interlocal agreement that allows for use of the Lee High School library as a public library outside of school hours

- Model this interlocal agreement after the existing agreement between the City and NEISD for the public use of the Reagan High School Library after school hours

Timeline: Short (1 - 2 years)
Lead Partner: Plan Implementation Team
Proposed Partnerships: San Antonio Public Library, COSA External Relations, NEISD, Lee High School, City Councilperson
Proposed Funding Sources: Minimal/Volunteer

13.2.3 Work with SAISD to allow for shared use of the athletic fields located between Basse Road and La Manda at the Union Pacific Railroad Tracks

- Develop and execute a Memorandum of Understanding between SAISD, the Plan Implementation Team, and Planning Area Neighborhood Associations outlining privileges, responsibilities, and liability limits
- Contact SAISD to remain informed as to the school district's future plans for these fields and discuss continued shared use status if the district develops these fields into other uses

Timeline: Short (1 - 2 years)
Lead Partner: Plan Implementation Team
Proposed Partnerships: Planning Area Neighborhood Associations, SAISD
Proposed Funding Sources: Minimal/Volunteer



Aerial view of SAISD athletic fields

13.2.4 Explore additional shared facilities program opportunities with area schools and non-public institutions (private schools, churches, etc.) that will allow different groups to promote and develop community-oriented programs and activities for residents of all ages and abilities

Timeline: Short (1 - 2 years) to Mid (3 - 5 years)
Lead Partner: Plan Implementation Team
Proposed Partnerships: Planning Area Neighborhood Associations, NEISD, SAISD, Area Churches, Area Private Schools, Other Community Organizations
Proposed Funding Sources: Minimal/Volunteer

Objective 13.3: Civic Facilities

Enhance civic facilities in the community

Action Steps:

13.3.1 Improve access and circulation at the Cresthaven Post Office

- Work with United States Post Office (USPS) officials at the Cresthaven branch to coordinate a strategy for redesigning the post office's parking lot and access driveways to allow for more efficient circulation of traffic while also creating safe and inviting pedestrian access

Timeline: Mid (3 - 5 years) to Long (Over 5 years)

Lead Partner: Plan Implementation Team

Proposed Partnerships: Planning Area Neighborhood Associations, USPS, COSA Public Works, COSA Development Services

Proposed Funding Sources: Public Funds (USPS)

13.3.2 Work with the Comprehensive Nutrition Project of COSA Community Initiatives to establish an additional Senior Nutrition Center to serve the southern half of the Greater Dellview Area

- Explore possible nutrition center location at the Westminster Square Senior Apartments on Basse Road

Timeline: Mid (3 - 5 years) to Long (Over 5 years)

Lead Partner: Plan Implementation Team

Proposed Partnerships: Planning Area Neighborhood Associations, COSA Community Initiatives

Proposed Funding Sources: Public Funding

